GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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Exploration of Crude Oil
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of amount spent on exploring crude oil and other petroleum products in North Eastern Region (NER) of the country;
(b) the details of petroleum products explored during the last three years from NER;
(c) whether the said exploration of petroleum products in Assam has helped/led to reduce dependence on import of crude oil and petroleum products and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has adopted any policy to ensure percolating the benefits and overall development of the people of NER particularly in Assam in view of the huge exploration of petroleum products in NER; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) The amount spent on exploring crude oil and other petroleum products in North Eastern Region (NER) of the country by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited, Oil India Limited (OIL) and Pvt/JV during last three years is Rs. 10361.65 Crore.
(b) & (c) The details of production of crude oil and natural gas are as under:-

Company	Products	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
ONGC	Crude Oil (MMT)	1.265	1.061	0.965
	Natural Gas (MMSCM)	1281	1589	1737
OIL	Crude Oil (MMT)	3.466	3.412	3.226
	Natural Gas (MMSCM)	2427.56	2521.55	2631.75

Million Metric Tonne(MMT)
Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter (MMSCM).
In addition Pvt/JV have produced a total of 210 Thousand Metric Tonnes crude oil and 62 Million Metric Cubic Meter gas during last three years.
The contribution of NER including Assam in reducing import dependency of crude oil and natural gas is to the extent of production from the region.
(d) & (e): Government of India has prepared the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 document for north-east India, outlining steps to leverage the hydrocarbon sector for development of the north-east region focused efforts towards making hydrocarbons a tool to enable social and economic development.
The Vision Document has been a focused and consultative exercise to develop a common and shared aspiration for benefiting people of the north east region. The objectives of the plan are to leverage the region's hydrocarbon potential, enhance access to clean fuels, improve availability of petroleum products, facilitate economic development and to link common people to the economic activities in this sector.

The Vision document aims at doubling Oil & Gas production by 2030, making clean fuels accessible, fast tracking projects, generating employment opportunities and promoting cooperation with neighboring countries.
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